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1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT TO MR. MINOR GEORGE, CHAIRMAN,
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, MIDWEST FEDERATION
OF AMERICAN SYRIAN-LEBANESE CLUBS FROM JOSEPH J. SISCO,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C.:

DEAR MR. GEORGE:

SECRETARY ROGERS AND I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT,
OWING TO PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS, WE WERE UNABLE TO
BE WITH YOU AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MIDWEST
FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SYRIAN-LEBANESE CLUBS.

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YOUR CONVENTION WILL NATURALLY HAVE ITS EYES
TURNED TOWARD LEBANON AND THE MIDDLE EAST. LET ME
ASSURE YOU THAT SUPPORT FOR LEBANON'S SOVEREIGNTY
AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THE PURSUIT OF PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST REMAIN CARDINAL POINTS IN THE
UNITED STATES' MIDDLE EAST POLICY. I HOPE THAT THE
DAY WILL SOON COME WHEN THE PEOPLES OF THE AREA WILL
LIVE TOGETHER IN HARMONY AND PEACE AND THE REGION,
WHICH WAS THE CRADLE OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATION,
WILL AGAIN BE ABLE TO REALIZE ITS FULL POTENTIAL.
THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO THIS GOAL, AND
WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO WORK ACTIVELY TO THIS END.

PLEASE CONVEY MY WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES
TO ALL OF YOUR MEMBERS FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL CON-
VENTION.
SINCERELY,
JOSEPH J. SISCO
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